

RUSHVILLE CITY UTILITIES
601 W 3RD St.
Rushville, IN 46173

Minutes of the Utility Board Meeting, July 20, 2011
The Utility Board met at City Utilities @ 5:00 P.M.

Phillip Starkey called the meeting to order.

Roll Call was taken. All other board members were present except Michael Singleton.

Board Members Present:

Phillip Starkey

Brian Bess

John Collyer

Tim Sheehan

Others present:

Les Day Facility Manager

Gina Jenkins Office Manager

Ron Wilson City Attorney

Brian Bess motioned to approve the board minutes from the June 16, 2011 meeting. Tim Sheehan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Les Day reviewed the financial report for the month of June. The Water Operating report showed no N.P.D.E.S. violations for the month. There were 30.43 million gallons of water pumped, with 25.99 million gallons of water treated. Water plant personnel responded to 16 service calls for billings and customer requests. There were 57 customer requests to check for leaks. There were 25 line locates. There were 68 connects and 65 disconnects for the month, with the total customers being 3,018. Les told the board part of last year's unaccounted loss of water was due to one of the school's accounts not getting billed last year. The school was notified of this and told that the consumption would be added to this year's billing.

The Operating Report for Wastewater showed no N.P.D.E.S. violations for the month. There were 47.65 million gallons of wastewater treated, for the month. It was reported that there was a total of 3.31 inches of precipitation, for the month. There were 5 sewer complaints checked. There were 2,000 feet of sewer mains cleaned from sewer complaints. 16,900 gallons of septic sludge was accepted for the month of June. There were no sewer taps made for the month. There were no dye tests ran.

Les told the board that one of the on-going projects has been completed. The steps at the Wastewater plant have been replaced. Also, he updated everyone on the new water tower. The only project left to do is hook up the communication system between the new and the existing tower. He is hoping that this is completed by the end of the month.

Gina Jenkins told everyone about the convenience fees for the on-line billing. She also told them that this fee would be added to the customers' bill. She will proceed with this project.

Phillip Starkey discussed Leroy Custer's high consumption bill from the previous meeting. Les Day told everyone that the meter register has been sent into the factory to be tested and he has not received the results back yet. After discussing the Adjustment Policy it was decided to table this matter until next month's meeting.

Les told everyone that Michael Cunningham from Rural Development came in for an inspection on July 12, 2011. At that time, Mr. Cunningham told Les that Rushville City Utilities' rates are still too low, and he suggested that a 2% increase every year be added to the ordinance. Phillip Starkey would like to have time to review our current rates and see what this additional 2% increase would generate in revenue. This matter was tabled until next month's meeting.

Ron Wilson discussed the proposed PILOT payments from City Utilities to the City of Rushville. If approved, the first installment payments would probably be requested in January, 2012.

Brian Bess told the board that he had checked the claims for the month. Brian motioned to approve the claims. Tim Sheehan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Les told everyone that there had been a complaint filed at the Mayor's office concerning property owned by Steve Mohler. The complaint included that he was still not hooked into city water and sewer. Ron Wilson told everyone that Mr. Mohler is being taken back to court in August for this matter again. Ron does not feel that any other course of action would benefit City Utilities, such as having the work completed and then filing a lien for the cost against Mr. Mohler's property since Mr. Mohler is not currently paying what he already owes to City Utilities.

The motion to adjourn was unanimous. The motion carried.

The next meeting will be August 17, 2011 at 5:00 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.